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SUMMARY: PERIOD JUNE 4-14 OF CONGRESS CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF COMMITTEE WORK WITH PLENARY SESSION JUNE 12. WORK WAS COMPLETED ON PROCEDURES TO ELECT DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERALS DURING CONGRESS MOST DRAMATIC MOVE WAS SUCCESSFUL CONCERTED ACTION BY AFRICANS, ASIANS, AND LATIN AMERICANS TO OVERTURN COMMITTEE DECISION TO FIX SIZE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT 37 MEMBERS WITH RESULT THAT EC NOW HAS 40 MEMBERS. CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ADOPTED WITH EXPECTED CHALLENGES AND RESPONSE ON SVN, KHMER REPUBLIC, CHILE AND ROK GOVERNMENTS FOR THE RECORD. COMPROMISE MEASURE ON RATES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF POSTAL IMBALANCES APPEARS BEST THAT COULD BE OBTAINED. LDG'S ABILITY MUSTER SIGNIFICANT VOTING MAJORITIES ON VARIETY OF ISSUES BOTH POLITICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE, PROMISES CONTINUE TO BE DOMINANT FACTOR AT MEETINGS AND PROSPECTS FOR OUTCOME OF CONGRESS THUS DEPEND ON HOW THEY CHOOSE EXERCISE THEIR POWER. END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL COMMITTEE SPENT MOST OF TIME DISCUSSING PROCEDURES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL AND COMPLETED WORK AND PRESENTED FINAL

TEXTS TO PLENARY SESSION JUNE 12. DIRGEN AND DEPUTY DIRGEN WILL BE ELECTED BY CONGRESS PROBABLY ON JUNE 22 SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION. ONLY CANDIDATES THAT APPEAR QUALIFIED ARE: FOR DG, SOBHI OF EGYPT, SIENRA OF URUGUAY, AND AKBAR OF PAKISTAN, AND FOR DDG SCOTT OF UK AND NIEND OF CAMEROON.

2. PLENARY ALSO DISCUSSED CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT. COMMUNIST COUNTRIES MADE ALMOST IDENTICAL BRIEF STATEMENTS AGAINST KHMER, SOUTH VIETNAM AND SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENTS WITH EMPHASIS ON EXISTENCE 2 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. KHMER AND SOUTH VIETNAM REPS MADE BRIEF REPLIES AND US MADE STATEMENT SUPPORTING THEIR STATEMENTS AS WELL AS TAKNG EXCEPTION TO STATEMENTS DIRECTED AGAINST SOUTH KOREA. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

3. RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ADOPTED OVERWHELMINGLY AT PLENARY CREATING 50-UNIT CONTRIBUTION CLASS FOR "ECONOMICALLY MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRIES." SEE SEPTTEL ON US STANCE.

4. PLENARY ALSO OVERTURNED COMMITTEE DECISION LIMIT EXPANSION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO 6 MEMBERS (GENEVA 3494 SHOULD READ "VOTED INCREASE 6 RPT 6 MEMBERS"). ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER WAS ADDED FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE, ASIAN, AND AFRICAN GROUPS. EC NOW CONSISTS 40 MEMBERS. VOTE WAS 78-57 (US)-3. US CANNOT STAND AS CANDIDATE FOR EC.

5. CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FOR POSTAL STUDIES EXPENDED TO 35 MEMBERS. US HAS ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY.

6. IN COMMITTEE, CONGRESS PASSED COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ESTABLISHING PAYMENT OF IMBALANCES OF TERMINAL DUES AT 1.5 GOLD FRANCS A KILO. VOTE WAS 55-53(US-7. US DEL BELIEVES THIS COMPROMISE BEST THAT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED AND HOPES THIS RATE WILL HOLD IN PLENARY.

7. GENERAL COMMITTEE PASSED PROPOSAL 75(7) -35-10 LIMITING APPROVAL OF STAFF PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE 3 HIGHEST POSITIONS. US DEL BELIEVED THAT WITH INCREASED SIZE OF EC IT MADE LESS SENSE TO HAVE EC INTERVENTION AT LOWER LEVELS.

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8. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED SERIOUSLY MEANS OF FINANCING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. MOVE WAS DEFEATED TO CREATE WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE NEXT ITEM ON AGENDA IS QUESTION OF FINANCING INTERNATIONAL LIST OF POST OFFICES.DALE

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